

BRASS TORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Drivers in the Elba area need to be careful around these new and relatively new intersections that have been added by the state highway department. There are an excessive number of accidents in areas where people are not accustomed to the changed flow of traffic. Until there are enough accidents to prod the highway department into installing traffic signals at these new intersections, drivers need to watch closely and proceed cautiously.

While on the subject of stop signs, let us remind our readers that the law requires all traffic to stop while children are getting on or off school buses. Even if it wasn't the law, none of us wants to be responsible for hurting, or worse killing, a child. Several bus drivers have complained recently that drivers are not observing this law... please folks, do better.

We are watching with more than a passing interest the daily revelations of the government's radiation test on unsuspecting GIs, especially when reference is made to those serving during the 1950s. We were in the military during that time and are not sure just how much exposure we might have received. We often were one of those little radiation detectors and/or had one attached to the equipment we were using. It may have been a lot more exposure than we were told about, and we have already decided that some of the blips on our medical records could have been put there by radiation exposure during our military service.

Suddenly we find ourselves cheering for Alabama Finance Director James White! When he said there was no need for additional taxes to fund the needs of education, even with all the planned reforms, we smiled. We still see dangers in the reforms proposed by the Task Force, and assume we can concentrate on arguing about those, rather than wringing our hands about more taxes.

The Mexican uprising, described as "poor farmers' rebellion continues. One estimate was that there are only about 1,000 of them actually fighting, but they sure are making a lot of noise and a lot of folks are dying. These people claim lineage back to the Mayan Indians, who are traced back to at least 1000 BC and had a thriving society which had already fallen upon hard times before Columbus discovered America. However the Spaniards found enough gold and slaves to support their plunder and destruction of the Mayan society. The Mayans fled into the dense forests and swamps and their society has never fully recovered. The region of Southern Mexico where the fighting is taking place, right now mostly in the state of Chiapas, is known for lots of illiteracy, poverty and squabbles over ownership of many small plots of land. The government is offering to settle the dispute, but we suspect that until the military gives up demands that the leaders of the uprising be named immediately, there isn't gonna be any settlement - just more killing.

The Alabama Legislature went back into session Tuesday night. They held our breath during the annual sessions of these folks. Individually they might all be real smart, but as "a committee of the whole," watch out! History has shown that at times they create "help" for us that even they don't understand the reason why. Other times they seem to know what they are doing and do it anyway. Either way us folks in the branch houses are on the short end of the stick.

Burglaries are on the rise

Sometime during the night of Sunday, January 9, or early Monday morning, January 10, the home of Vera Hudson was burglarized. The Hudson residence is located on N. Claxton Avenue in Elba.

According to police, several items were taken from the residence while Mrs. Hudson was away from home. Authorities are looking for leads in the case and urge anyone with information to contact Investigator Patrick Norris of the Elba Police Department.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous, but at the same time furnish the police with information, may call Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

RECORD YOUR HOUSE AND ITS BELONGINGS

The Elba Police Department will assist you in making a VCR tape of the inside of your home and its contents.

Assistant Chief Maxwell Hooks stated that officers will come to your residence and make a video tape of your household furnishings. All that they ask is that you furnish the tape.

The homeowner can keep the tape or the police will place it on file at the police department.

Chief Hooks also suggest that a record be kept of serial numbers on televisions, radios, appliances, etc. If a burglary occurs, it will aid authorities in recovering the stolen property.

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of January 3, 1993 through January 10, 1993:
They were: Cathrynne Cross, Donna Boswell, Cecil Bowdoin, Alberta Martin, John McKenzie, William Boode, Olan Taylor, Lee Gideon, Bonnie Dean, Jessie Brady, Fletcher King, Jeff Boutwell, Barbara Parker, Russell Cash, Dorothy Smith, Landa Tyson, Margaret McDonough, Robert Ross, Murphy Eusey, Arica Barcott, Refina Newton, Mimi Allen, Marshall Vaughn, Chassee Dease, Barbara Powell, and Mike McKee.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Viola Flowers, Houston McCollough, James Coffey, Hunter Hargrove, Joe Bradshaw, Tremayne Warren, John Moody, Myra Smith, Cecil Wambles, Cathrynne Cross, Mia Taylor, Ladistich Tyson, Mildred Shirley, Vera Williams, Lois Edwards, Donna Boswell, Lee Gideon, Murphy Eusey, Bonnie Dean, John McKenzie, and Barbara Powell.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JAN 4 THRU JAN. 10

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 4, 1993, investigated the following incidents: one menacing, two harassing communications, three burglaries, one harassment, one missing person, one theft of service, three thefts of property, four DUIs, two violations of probation, three assaults, one failure to appear, one criminal trespassing. The following arrests were made: one for forgery, two for violation of probation, one for failure to appear, one for criminal trespassing, and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for improper passing, four for DUI, two for driving with revoked driver's license, one for reckless driving, one for switched tag, two for speeding, two for driving with suspended driver's license, and one for expired tag. Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 - Alarm at Elba High School (6:48 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on U.S. Hwy. 84E (7:00 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 - Alarm at Elba High School (6:48 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Payne St. (8:04 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Claxton Ave. (7:42 a.m.); Routine activity.



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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Congress Must Face Welfare Reform This Year

On the 1992 campaign stump, Bill Clinton declared that major reform "needed" to end welfare as we know it. Thus far, little has been done to make good on that pledge from the Clinton White House.

The simple fact is welfare dependency has not only become a major drain on our federal budget, it is also raising our competitiveness as a nation. We must tackle it now. In the mid-1960s, this nation launched a War on Poverty with the intended hope of securing a "Great Society."

Under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, the government began its assault on poverty by creating a host of new federal spending programs and expanding existing ones, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). While the goals were well-intentioned, the results have been disappointing.

More than 25 years later, Johnson's War on Poverty has had the unintended consequence of somehow making welfare more attractive than work. And once welfare recipients become dependent on public assistance, they are caught in the "welfare trap." As a result, poverty rates remain unchanged, the number of households headed by single mothers continues to rise, and teenage pregnancy levels have skyrocketed.

A quick look at the facts tells the story. Funding for the 25 major social welfare programs more than doubled from \$132 billion in 1975 to \$277 billion in 1992.

Total AFDC spending, both federal and state, has nearly doubled over the last ten years. Meanwhile,

fewer than one percent of the parents participating in the AFDC program are required to work. In testimony before the House Agriculture Committee in 1993, one expert noted studies have shown a correlation between increases in AFDC benefits and decreases in marriage rates of single mothers.

Justice Department data even suggests that during past periods of higher welfare spending crime rates have soared accordingly, only to level off when welfare spending decreased.

So what can we do? We can begin by encouraging welfare recipients to seek employment, and ensure that paternity is established in order for mothers to receive AFDC benefits.

We should also make it clear that welfare mothers would no longer receive increased benefits for the birth of additional children. Exceptions would apply in the case of rape or incest or if a state exempts itself.

These common sense suggestions, along with denying welfare for non-citizens and capping major welfare spending growth to inflation plus two percent, are already part of the House conservative welfare reform package which I am cosponsoring.

As of January 7, the President has yet to produce a plan of his own. He is under tremendous pressure from House liberals not to follow through with his campaign pledge.

However, in the interest of saving American families and strengthening our economy, the welfare system must be fundamentally reformed now.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Is Now Taking Applications For The Position Of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Applications Can Be Picked Up At City Hall And Should Also Be Returned There. Applications Will Be Taken Through January 31. For More Information Call 897-3418

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1994 MISS ALABAMA AGRICULTURE Heather Stinson of Elba was recently crowned the 1994 Miss Alabama Agriculture at the Mobile Civic Center. Heather won the Clotie County title in July. Heather will serve as New York City's ambassador for Alabama Agriculture. She received a \$1500.00 scholarship, the use of a 1994 Lumina Coupe for one year, and will serve as an ex-officio member of the State Young Farmers Committee. In addition, Heather will be a member of the Alabama Farmers Federation legislative delegation to Washington, DC and attend numerous county, state and national agricultural functions.

Heather attends the University of Alabama where she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She is the daughter of David and Jackie Stinson and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stinson.

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My Trip To New York City

by Bonnie Vaughan
Bonnie Vaughan is the 13 year old daughter of Mark and Candice Vaughan. She and her sister Katie, age 11, accompanied their parents to New York during the Thanksgiving holidays where Mark again competed in the 26 mile New York Marathon. This was the first trip to the Big Apple for both girls.

We arrived in New York about 6:30 Thursday night, and it was then that I saw the lights of the huge city for the first time.

All day Friday we walked around the streets of New York shopping and sightseeing. We saw St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is the sight of the Midnight Mass every year on Christmas Eve. The stained-glass windows were a beautiful sight there. We then went to the Rockefeller Plaza and saw the ice skaters. Also at Rockefeller Plaza, we saw the huge Christmas tree that is lit every year in New York City. It was being worked on and trimmed at the time. Also that day we saw a live story McDonald's. After that we went to Macy's Department Store, then the Empire State Building, which was one of my favorite parts of going to New York. From the top of the Empire State Building we could see the World Trade Center, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, and many other buildings. That night we saw the Broadway play, *Annie Warbucks*.

The next day, Saturday, we went to the NBC Building, where we toured the building and saw the set of Saturday Night Live. That night we saw the Broadway play, *Phantom of the Opera*.

The New York Marathon was Sunday. The race began at Fort Wadsworth. Only the runners were allowed at the starting line so we went on a tour of the city. We saw Central Park, Little Italy, China Town, the bombing site of the World Trade Center, Ellis Island, and the Statue of Liberty. We climbed to the crown of the Statue and were able to see the skyline of New York.

After visiting the Statue, we went to Central Park to look for Daddy in the long line of marathon runners. We waited about an hour, and I didn't think we would see him because I thought he had already passed us. But just a few minutes later, we saw him round the corner, running toward the finish line.

Monday, we went home. This was an exciting trip for me. I'm so glad my Daddy ran in the New York Marathon, and I wouldn't mind going back and doing it all over again.

Understanding Headaches Course Being Offered At ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College is offering a course on Understanding Headaches in cooperation with Medical Center Enterprise. This course has been approved for five contact hours of continuing education credit for nurses. Upon completion of the course, participants should be able to recognize the major categories of headaches, explain the rationale for management of headaches, and identify the major types of medication therapies for the acute and chronic headache sufferer. The registration deadline is February 1, and the fee is \$20. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Boy Scout Pack 31 wants to thank everyone for buying doughnuts from us and Girl Scout Troops 491 and 130 for helping us sell them. The sale went well, except for getting the doughnuts to you late. We apologize for this. Thanks to your generosity, we made enough money to finish paying for our uniforms and with a little money over to help with den activities.

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Remembering With Jake

I recall going to *The Elba Clipper* in around 1939 to 1940 and watching Renzo C. Bryan operate a linotype machine. The building was less than half the size of the present one. It was in the same location. Mr. Bryan was the owner, publisher, editor, and printer. The paper usually wasn't that four pages. He had a teenage boy known as a "Printer's Devil" as a helper. He was trying to learn the business. The only other full time employee that I was aware of was C. B. McDowell. He walked around the Square and stopped in businesses to get news of interest. He also did anything he could to help get the paper out.

The linotype machine was a big bulky thing. A flexible metal cord, with electric wire inside, hung from the top of the machine with a metal reflector shielding the light bulb over the keyboard. He pressed the proper key and motion lead from the heated container to form the letters to be pressed together to print the correct subjects. Mr. Bryan wore the first pair of bifocal eyeglasses I had ever seen. He told me that in his work he had to see close up, at arms length and of course far off and they were necessary. That linotype was a big cumbersome thing, but it was great in its day.

I asked Ferrin Cox if he had ever used one. He said that one was there, unused, when he bought the paper. Someone offered him \$350.00 for it and he was glad to see it go.

The obituary of my Father was first printed by Renzo Bryan by line type. I was 22 years old and he was 55. It seems so strange today. I thought he was an old man. Obituary of John M. Bonneau (From *The Elba Clipper*, March 19, 1942)

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. J.A. Timmerman, pastor, Rev. B.S. Franklin, former pastor, Elder Jack Mitchell and Minister James C. Dixon took part in the services. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Robert A. McDaniel of Troy assisted with the funeral arrangements.

Active pallbearers were: W.W. Harts, W.T. Whitham, Sr., J.T. Young, T.T. Rhodes, T.D. Kendrick, James English, W.M. Brunson, and R.C. Bryan.

Mr. Bonneau who was 55 years of age, was a native-born resident of Coffee County, having been born at Victoria on January 25, 1887. He was the son of the late Dr. W.H. Bonneau and Annie Connolly Bonneau. While a small boy he moved to Elba with his parents and after reaching young manhood secured a job in a hardware store operated by the late J.E. Edwards.

After a few years he became part owner and manager of the business. Through the years the establishment, Bonneau Lumber and Hardware Company, has become one of the largest in this section. In addition to the large hardware and furniture business, the

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*** A Christmas Story ***

by Bobbie Simmons

Recently, Zion Chapel High School's Future Business Leaders of America gave the gift of love. Members came together to bring joy and happiness to a needy family of five. Sponsor of the FBLA chapter at Zion Chapel, Mrs. Rachel Bryan, invited a representative from the Department of Human Resources to speak to the members of FBLA about the family. This representative gave the group some idea of what the family needed, such as, canned foods, toys for the kids, and clothes. Within two weeks the FBLA members had several boxes

and bags of items for the family. On Friday, December 17, the gifts were taken to the family. After returning from the members of the FBLA what it was like to see the faces of the children light up when they saw the gifts.

Coming close to tears, Mrs. Bryan told everyone how the family reacted. Her experience to be able to bring joy to the holidays for someone and that it certainly was a "Christmas Story" to remember!

ZO's Christmas Wishes Granted

by Chrystal Whitt

Students returned to Zion Chapel after Christmas holidays with tales of holiday activities, family get-togethers, and the gifts received.

Students were asked what gifts they received from their family, friends, and "special others." The "best" gifts included stereo systems, jewelry, clothes, money, knives, guns, Star Trek collections,

CD players, Nike's, computers, entertainment centers, and radar detectors. There were even some big items such as clothes dryers and mobile homes. Many families were brought together over the holidays and some of the most precious gifts mentioned was the visit from grandparents that lived long distances away. The most meaningful gift to students

Beauty Pageant To Be Held

by Chris Green

The Twenty-First Annual Campus Beauty Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 22 in the Zion Chapel High School auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The four categories in the pageant will be Little Miss Beauty, kindergarten through sixth grade; Elementary Beauty, fourth through sixth grade; Junior Beauty, seventh through ninth grade; and Campus Beauty, tenth through twelfth grade. Kindergarten through ninth grade should wear church or street type dresses, no tea-length or formal dresses. Tenth through twelfth grade should wear formal pageant dresses.

Each category will have a first and second runner-up and a winner. The runner-up in each category will be given a trophy and flower and the winner in each category will be given a trophy, flower, sash, and crown.

The Campus Beauty Pageant is sponsored by the yearbook staff. It serves as a fundraiser and a method to pick beauties for the Feature section of the yearbook.

Practice for the pageant will be held on Friday, January 21 during sixth and seventh periods in the auditorium. There is a \$10 entry fee and admission to the pageant is \$5 at the door. The Master of Ceremonies will be yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Back Row - Wayland House, Matt Dunn, Chris Archie, & Tim Cape. Front Row - Steve Hodge, Suzie Bryan, Kevin Sheets, & Brandon Smith.

FFA Fruit Sales Complete - Awards Given

by Beverly A. Flowers

Wayland House was the top salesperson of the recent FFA fruit sale and for his efforts he earned a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. He sold 64 whole cases of fruit. Matt Dunn was the second highest salesperson, with a total of 45 whole cases, and earned a \$75 check. Chris Archie was the third highest salesperson, with 42 cases, and earned a \$50 check.

All members who sold 40 or more whole cases of fruit were rewarded with an official FFA jacket. Wayland House, or the members sold 40 whole and 105

Matt Dunn, Chris Archie, and Tim Cape will get jackets. Members who sold 20 or more whole cases were rewarded with a complementary FFA t-shirt. Wayland House, Matt Dunn, Chris Archie, Tim Cape, Steve Hodge, Suzie Bryan, Kevin Sheets, Brandon Smith, and Tim Alcorn will get t-shirts.

Almost 600 whole cases of fruit were sold by the Zion Chapel FFA. All together, the members sold 40 whole and 105

half cases of grapefruit, 60 whole and 110 half cases of tangerines, 120 whole and 200 half cases of Navel oranges, 40 whole and 70 half cases of juice oranges, and 30 whole and 120 half cases of apples. The fruit was purchased through River Brice Fruit of Vero Beach, Florida. All of the citrus was Indian River Citrus. The FFA members of Zion Chapel would like to say thank you to every person who purchased fruit. The FFA appreciates your continued support.



LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP. Barbara Everett, President of the Everett Educational Fund, Inc. announced recently the first recipients of the Everett Educational District scholarship. The scholarships were awarded in Troy.

The 17 scholarships for \$1,000 each were presented to high school seniors in each of the 15 counties in South-east Alabama. Public school winners were chosen by a scholarship awards committee in each county which is headed by the local public school superintendent. Private and parochial winners were chosen by school principals.

The scholarship recipient for Coffee County is Gina Ann Edwards of New Brockton. Funding for the scholarships is largely provided by personal contributions of Congressman Terry Everett in accordance with a campaign promise he made in 1992.

Everett believes that the portion of his current congressional salary which Congress voted itself in 1989 - amounting to \$44,000 a year - should be used to serve young people in the Second Congressional District. To this end, Congressman Everett plans to continue contributing one-third of his congressional salary into the scholarship for the remainder of his first term in the United States House of Representatives.

SUPPORT EDUCATION

***** DEADLINES *****
SOCIAL NEWS - 5 P.M. MONDAY
ALL OTHER NEWS - NOON TUESDAY

The Coffee County Board of Education announces that applications for the following teaching position are now being accepted:

One ELEMENTARY TEACHER for the remainder of this school year.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An applicant must have a valid Alabama teachers certificate. Prior experience is desired but not required. Areas of certification, experience, and qualifications will be determining factors in selection.

The following employment procedures will be adhered to:

1. An application may be received from the Coffee County School system at the following address:

Coffee County Board of Education
400 Reddoch Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36523
897-5016

2. Applications may be submitted to the address listed above.

3. Applications will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan 18, 1994.

4. All applications will be reviewed by appropriate principal and/or coordinator who will arrange necessary interviews.

5. Recommendations will be submitted to the superintendent by the principal and/or coordinator.

6. The superintendent will make recommendations to the school board for action.

7. All applicants will receive written notification of action taken.

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*** Tiger Tales Editorial ***

by Maria Williams

It's strange that we don't realize how special the places and people around us are until it's almost too late. As a senior and future college student, it took a serious thought of leaving Elba to help me realize how much I take small town life for granted. No matter how much we envy those who live in larger, more exciting towns, we can't deny how much we really enjoy the quiet life in Elba.

If we don't understand the importance of the peaceful moments we spend here now, I'm sure that sometime later on we will look back at the "best times of our lives" and wonder where they all went. I know that I probably won't live

here after college, but that doesn't mean that I will forget my hometown roots. I won't forget how nice the people are, how much the town looks as if it should have been on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post, or how time's slow passing seems strangely pleasant here.

It only took a drive through town and some serious thinking to bring me to the conclusion that life here isn't really bad at all. I hope that everyone will eventually take the time to consider their feelings about our small, quiet town. I also hope that these feelings will be pretty much the same as mine. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. In Elba, time like that isn't hard to find.

JUNIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above (l to r) are: Keshia Young, Heather Lawford, Charles Bozeman, and Joey Gregg.

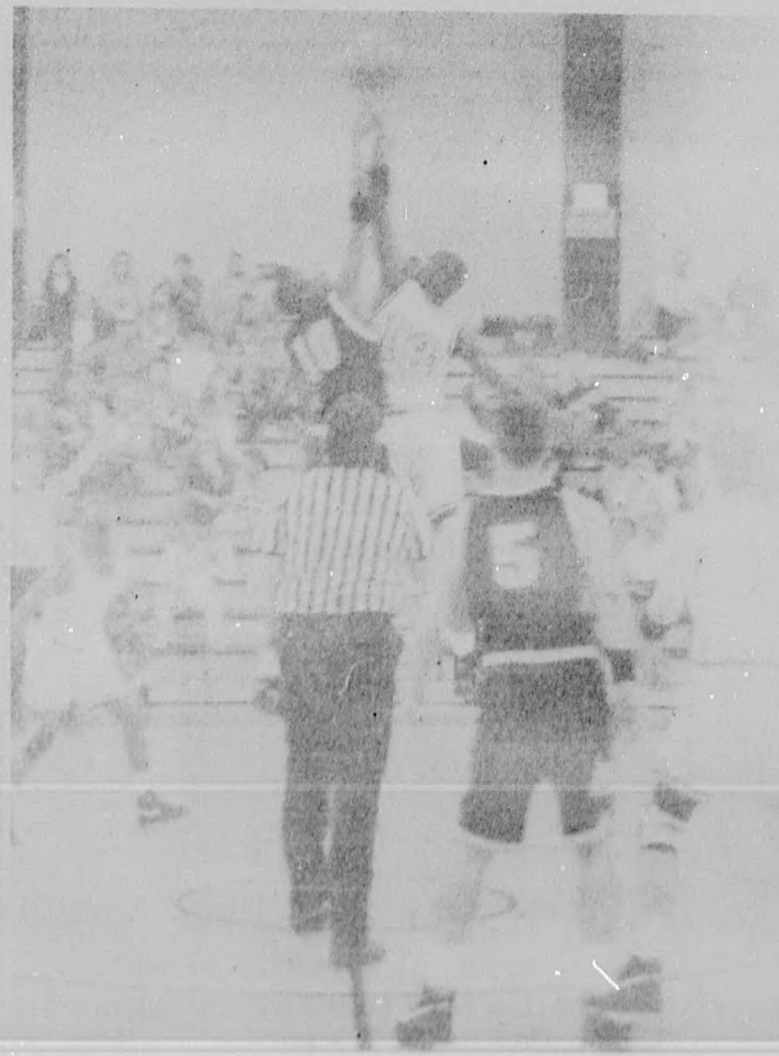
by DeeDee Siler & Danielle Tew
Charles Bozeman is the son of Max and Kathy Bozeman. He attends church at Elba United Methodist. Charles' hobbies are baseball and soccer. He is a member of the high school event team. Charles is in FFA, FBLA, E-Club, Interact, Jr. Beta, and Mu Alpha Theta.

Keshia Young is the daughter of Edward and Norma Young. She attends Shady Grove AME Church. Her hobbies are car washes, reading, and watching basketball. Keshia's favorite high school events are the basketball and football games. She is in SADD, FBLA, FFA, and FFA.

Joey Gregg is the son of Ken and Debra McKinney. His hobbies include playing football, basketball, and hanging out with friends. He is a member of FBLA and the E-Club. His favorite event of high school has been a part of the 1992 3A state championship team.

Heather Lawford is the daughter of Terry and Cindy Lawford. She enjoys being in the band. She is a member of Chi Alpha Mu, FBLA, and the Marching Tiger Band. She attends Whitewater Baptist Church.

-- Nothin' But Net --



by Cory H. Driggers
The Elba High Varsity Tigers are off to a fast, but seemingly slow start. The Tigers' record of 3-5 is not an indication of the quality basketball the Tigers have been playing. Three of the Tigers' five losses have come to 6A schools, Selma and Enterprise. The other two losses were to 5A Charles Henderson and hostile Opp team on the road. The Tigers' three wins have all been blowouts against Rehobeth, New Brockton, and Opp. The Tigers are a young team with only one senior. That senior is David Yelverton and he accounts for almost half of the team's offensive output (25.4 ppg and 11.4 rpg). As the season progresses and the Tigers mature a little more, the wins should become fairly common around EHS. You can bet when the area tournament rolls around Coach Lane will have this team prepared to take the tournament title.

IT'S NEVER COLD INSIDE !!!!
ATTEND A HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME TONIGHT !!!!

Math-A-Thon Program

by Sue King

The math department is again sponsoring the Math-A-Thon program for all interested students in the math classes. This past year, more than 10,000 schools and almost 400,000 students participated in the Math-A-Thon program to bring in more than \$12 million in pledges for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. While this figure is impressive, it is only a fraction of the total annual operating costs of the hospital.

The average cost of treatment for a single patient during the first year is about \$50,000. Treatment for succeeding years drops to an annual cost of \$19,000. A typical treatment pattern is usually continued for an average of two and a half years.

St. Jude's Hospital is the largest pediatric research facility in America established solely for the study of childhood catastrophic diseases. It is non-sectarian and open to children on a physician referral basis without regard to race, religion, creed or financial status. All treatment costs, beyond any that might be reimbursed by health insurance, are paid from public contributions raised from events like Math-A-Thon.

Math-A-Thon is a meaningful fun activity for children. It is a supplemental educational program which has been designed with the advice and assistance of professional educators, math teachers and curriculum specialists. Children work math problems in special Funbooks authorized by St. Jude's Hospital. The goal of Math-A-Thon is to present a quality program for children which also benefits the life saving research for children's catastrophic diseases at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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enjoyable way for youngsters to review basic math skills and to exercise problem solving techniques and critical thinking processes.

Math-A-Thon participants are asked to recruit sponsors (family, friends, neighbors) who will pledge donations of \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10, or more) based on the number of problems (usually 200) the child attempts. The math problems are provided in the funbooks.

EHS CURRENTS

by Molly Mills & Dana Stinson

The Elba Varsity Basketball Tigers will play Laverne here Friday with games beginning at 6:00 p.m. On the following Tuesday, they will play Louisville here at 6:00 p.m. Please come out and support our Elba Basketball Tigers!

The semester tests will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14.

Thursday: 1st - regular class; 2nd - regular class; 3rd - regular class; 4th - 4th period exam; 5th - 5th period exam; 6th - 6th period exam; 7th - 7th period exam.

Friday: 1st - 1st period exam; 2nd - 2nd period exam; 3rd - 3rd period.

On Friday, if you are exempt from all exams, you do not have to come to school.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are: Derrick Thigpen, Shannon Lott, Kayron Whitworth, and Trent Calhoun.

by Stacy Seay & Robyn Rhoades

Derrick Thigpen is the eighth grade son of Alice Thigpen. He enjoys sports such as basketball where he holds the position of guard. Derrick is a member of FFA and attends Elba Zion Baptist Church.

Shannon Lott is the eighth grade daughter of Mark and Diane Lott. She enjoys talking on the phone and cheerleading. Shannon is a member of SADD, Jr. Beta, FFA, Chi Alpha Mu, and attends Shiloh Baptist Church.

Kayron Whitworth is the freshman daughter of Ronnie and Kay Whitworth. She enjoys dancing, water skiing, and riding horses. Kayron is a member of FFA, Chi Alpha Mu, Interact, Jr. Beta, and FBLA. She also attends Westside Baptist Church.

Trent Calhoun is the freshman son of Terry and Margaret Calhoun. He enjoys basketball, baseball, fishing, and hunting. Trent is a member of Jr. Beta and attends Westside Baptist Church.

GO TIGERS!

Counselor's Corner

by Gina Bedsole & Cory Driggers

The Art Institute of Atlanta is offering six full-tuition scholarships, one in each of the following majors: Visual Communications, Photography, Interior Design, Fashion Marketing, Music Entertainment, and Culinary Arts. These scholarships are open to high school students who will graduate in the 1993-94 academic year. The deadline for the scholarship entry is January 31, 1994, so see Mr. Carney now for an application.

Seniors Make New Year's Predictions

by Joe Russell

With 1994 here and only five months left until graduation, seniors are making many future plans and predictions. I asked some of our fellow seniors what their predictions are.

Leslie Creel: "To graduate and take real good care of myself cause I plan to do a lot of partying."

Komiko Daniels: "That everyone will graduate."

D.J. Belcher: "I hope 1994 will be a year of good intentions."

Jason Farrie: "To graduate and go to a good college."

Dana Stinson: "To graduate and head to the beach."

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ENTERPRISE ENCORES SING AT ELBA ELEMENTARY The Enterprise High School Encores presented their Christmas concert at Elba Elementary on Thursday, December 16. The Elba Elementary Student Council sponsored the concert for the student body and faculty. Under the direction of Mr. John Baker, this delightful program covered a wide variety of musical selections. The program also included audience participation allowing some of the faculty a chance to dance with Santa. Through their Christmas music, the Encores put the Elba Elementary students and faculty in the spirit of the season.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

EDDIE R. WARD JR.

Army Spec. Eddie R. Ward Jr. has completed the chaplain assistance course at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, New Jersey.

The group-paced course stressed religious support, development of interpersonal skills, unit ministry support to soldiers and family members, provided for services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty care.

Religious support classes not only taught students to prepare altars for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Orthodox services, but stressed the importance of knowing about these and other faith groups represented in the Army.

Ward is the son of Martha J. Thomas of New Brockton, Alabama and Eddie R. Ward Sr. of Rural Route 3, Samson, Alabama.

JAMES A. CASSEL JR.

Army Spec. James A. Cassel Jr., Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina, was one of nearly 700 soldiers from the 18th Airborne Corps who deployed to England Industrial Air Park in Alexandria, Louisiana, to participate in the joint service training exercise dubbed, Purple Dragon.

Purple Dragon tested the battle readiness of Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force service members in a simulated air, ground and electronic combat environment. The exercise encouraged development of combined force tactics and the free exchange of ideas between participating forces.

Cassel, a personnel management specialist, is the son of James A. Cassel Sr. of Rural Route 2, New Brockton, Alabama and Faye H. Cassel of Rural Route 11, Cassewick, Georgia.

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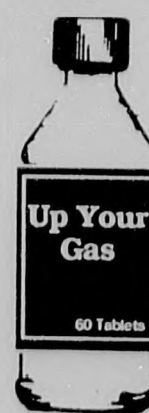
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Elba National Guard Alive And Well

Detachment One, Battery C, 1st Battalion (155MM SP) 117th Field Artillery, the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard, is alive and well since its reorganization just over a year ago. The previous unit was deactivated on August 31, 1992, and the unit became a part of the 1st Battalion 117th Field Artillery on September 1, 1992. Due to the reorganization the unit lost approximately 40% of its authorized strength. However, the unit currently has vacancies in several occupational skills.

The Elba unit's mission as a detachment to a field artillery firing battery is to crew and serve on the 155 millimeter self-propelled Howitzer. The unit also consists of communication and maintenance personnel to keep the big guns up and moving.

The Elba unit has been located on Larkin Road since 1976. The unit drills one week-end a month and two weeks a year for annual training.

Drill week-ends are held both at the armory and field training at Fort Rucker. Annual training is usually held at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, during the summer months. The armory is manned by two full-time personnel during the week, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Alabama Army National Guard is an excellent part-time job that offers many educational benefits, such as the Montgomery GI Bill, tuition assistance, and enlistment bonuses for qualified personnel.

Anyone interested in obtaining information about the guard can call SSG Buddy Metcalf or SGT Johnny Lester at 897-2914, or call the recruiting office, located in Opp, at 493-6400. Information concerning the Elba unit can also be obtained by the armory located on Larkin Road, across from the airport.

Richard L. Pelcher, Associate County Agent

Important Farm Meetings Scheduled For Next Few Months Announced

There are several very important farm meetings in which many people in Coffee County will be interested.

1. A Young Farmers Meeting will be held Thursday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in New Brockton. This meeting is sponsored by the Alfa Farmers Federation. If you are farming either full or part time and are between the ages of 17 and 35, this group will have many opportunities for you. This will be a supper meeting.

2. A Commercial Vegetable Production Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Western Street Steak House in Enterprise. Mr. Jimmy Street with one of the largest vegetable seed distributors in this state will be our speaker. Also, Dr. Joe Kemble, the new vegetable specialist with Auburn University, will be speaking. Dinner is a Dutch treat.

3. A Commercial Fruit Production Meeting will be Wednesday, January 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at Hardee's in Enterprise for breakfast on your own and a short idea swap time. Then we will go to the Gene Pippins fruit and vegetable farm on the Old Bellwood Highway six miles south of Enterprise. From there we will go to George Curenton's peach farm.

4. The Alabama Peanut Producers Association annual meeting will be Friday, February 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. in Ozark.

5. A Peanut Production Meeting will be Monday, February 7, at 6:00 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The speakers will be Dr. John Everest, Auburn University peanut weed expert, Ron Weeks, Extension entomologist, and Dallas Hartzog, Auburn University peanut agronomist. Dinner will be provided for those attending.

6. The Soybean Check-Off Refund will be Wednesday, February 9, at the Extension Office in New Brockton.

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ELBA ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL The Student Council at Elba Elementary School has been very busy during the months of November and December. Bake sales have been very successful earning funds to be used for various projects. The Student Council officers and representatives are responsible for the "thought of the day" and the pledge to the American Flag over the intercom each day. The sponsored the Encores from Enterprise High school who performed with singing and dancing. Auburn-Alabama fair day was enjoyed by all in November. The officers serve as hosts for the retired teacher's party during American Education Week. Fun days are being planned by the officers and representatives. A raffle has been planned for February 14.

Pictured above are Student Council officers and representatives. The officers are: President Vaughan Boyd, Vice President Valence Moore, Secretary Beverly Benbow, and Treasurer Lauren Staley. Representatives are: Second Grade - Ralston Moore, Katie Driggers, Blake Brunson, Aaron Goodwin, and Ashley Kushing; Third Grade - Colby Skinner, Sheila Masters, and Brittany Daniels; Fourth Grade - Shannon Winters, Chelsea Cooper, Wesley Kelley, and Evan Maddox; Fifth Grade - Neil Granham, Camie Kelley, Jeremy Sanders, and Amanda Beerenstrauch; Sixth Grade - Katie Vaughan, Brandi Walker, Shanna Tillis, Leslie Stinson, Kendra Vaughan, and Tory Perkins.

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		580
OPP MARKET		Hogs
Salable Receipts (Est.).....		400
Week Ago (Actual).....	H/S	N/S
Year Ago (Actual).....		9

BREAKDOWN

HOGS (ELBA MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago, Barrows & Gilts: No Trend, US 2-3, 200-220lbs, 34.00-36.00; 220-260lbs, 37.50-40.50; 260-280lbs, 34.00-35.00; Sows: No Trend, US 1-3, 300-400lbs, 30.00-33.50; 400-500lbs, 33.00-34.25; 500-600lbs, Unstated. Feeder Pigs: No Trend, US 2-3, 35-50lbs, 52.00-60.00; 50-80lbs, 50.00-57.00. Boars: No Trend, Over 300lbs, 23.00-24.00; Under 300lbs, 20.00-23.00.

CATTLE & CALVES (OPP MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago: Slaughter Cows: No Trend; Bulls: No Trend; Feeder Classes: Steers: No Trend; Heifers: No Trend; Replacement or Feeder Cows: No Trend. **SLAUGHTER CLASSES:** Cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 42.00-48.00; Cut 1-3, 40.00-43.00; CanLo-Cut 1-2, 34.00-37.50. Bulls: To Few. **FEEDER CLASSES:** STEER: Med & Lge 1, 350-400lbs, 94.00-106.00; 400-450lbs, 92.00-99.00; 450-500lbs, 90.00-96.50; 500-550lbs, 89.00-93.50; Med & Lge 2, 400-450lbs, 82.00-87.00; 450-500lbs, 80.00-86.00; 500-550lbs, 76.00-82.00; 550-600lbs, 72.00-76.00. **HEIFERS:** Med & Lge 1, 300-350lbs, 85.00-91.00; 350-400lbs, 82.00-87.00; 400-450lbs, 80.00-85.00; 450-500lbs, 78.00-83.00; 500-550lbs, 74.00-81.00; 550-600lbs, 72.00-78.00; Med & Lge 2, 400-450lbs, 72.00-78.00; 450-500lbs, 71.00-78.00; 500-550lbs, 70.00-75.00. **COWS REPLACEMENT and/or FEEDERS:** Med 1-2, Ovr 7 Yrs, 800-900lbs, 41.00-47.00. **COW & CALF PAIRS:** Sm 1-2, 700-900lbs Cows/775-2200lbs Calves, 50.00-60.00. **BRED COWS:** Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs Cows, 3-5 Months, 495.00-495.00.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School started back last week after two weeks off for the holidays and I guess the girls must have gone barefooted throughout the holidays, because Monday morning their shoes were nowhere to be found. It has always amazed me how shoes can simply get up and walk away all by themselves, but at the Mularz house the shoes do as they please, since they seem to love to play hide-and-seek. We finally won the game and found all the shoes, but not before some anxious moments for everyone involved in the hunt.

ELBA TIGERS BEGIN TO TAKE CHARGE ON COURT

The Elba Tigers limped out of the holidays with a backlaster 2-5 record, but started off the new year with a bang last week as they blasted county rivals New Brockton and Kinston, before falling late Saturday night to top-ranked Brantley. The 2-1 week left the Tigers with a 4-6 record and let everyone know that the record means nothing, because these Tigers are tough and ready to start tipling up the wins.

Elba opened the season with a killer schedule and it showed in the record book; however, the Tigers gained loads of confidence and experience, by playing such teams as Opp, Enterprise, Charles Henderson and Selma, and it showed last week as the Tigers looked outstanding in all three games. The Tigers started slow against New Brockton, but took complete command in the second half and ran away from the 10th ranked Gamecocks, while against Kinston the Tigers jumped early and early and never were even threatened. Elba had a 10-point lead early against Brantley and owned a six-point lead in the third quarter, but missed some shots down the stretch and had some unforced turnovers that allowed the Bulldogs to get momentum and pull away for the win.

Elba is still not the best team around, and still has a lot of improvement left to do; however, the Tigers are a solid 3A club and if they keep working and improving, the wins will come and it may be fun when the post-season party rolls around.

BRANTLEY STILL THE CREAM OF THE AREA CROP

The high school basketball season got back in full swing last week and the team that was on top heading into the holidays remained on top after the first week back, as the Brantley Bulldogs rolled to three wins to improve to 11-0 on the season. Here's a quick look back at the first week of '94.

BRANTLEY (11-0) made it look easy with wins over McKenzie and Red Level, but had to fight its way out of Elba Saturday night with a hard earned 54-46 win over the 3A Tigers. The Bulldogs are a very experienced and talented team, and it showed in the win over Elba, as the Dogs never lost their composure and took charge late. Brantley may stumble somewhere down the line, but should be a tough team to beat.

NEW BROCKTON (7-4) got shelled by cross-county rival Elba, but rebounded with authority and clobbered Straughn to go 7-4 for the year. The Gamecocks got off to a fast start with a fast-paced attack and used its quickness to run past opponents, but last week slowed down a bit and didn't look like the same team. It's time for the Gamecocks to find their identity and move forward on the court.

KINSTON (6-5) lost big to Brantley and Elba last week and saw their record slip near the .500 mark for the first time this season. The Bulldogs were simply outmanned against Brantley, in Brantley, while in the loss to Elba the Bulldogs never quit and staged a rally to make the final score close. The losses hurt the Bulldogs' record, but their refusal to quit let their fans know that the losses didn't hurt the Bulldogs' determination and confidence.

ZION CHAPEL (2-5) won its second game of the season against Straughn and then played well in a loss to Houston Academy, making Rebel fans optimistic that better days are coming soon. The Rebels were in charge all the way against Straughn, while in the loss to Houston Academy the Rebs played well at times, but just didn't play well enough for all four quarters to win against a good team. ZC is getting better and should now know what it is going to take to win consistently.

High School Roundball Roundup

Brantley romps past Kinston 93-55

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their record to 8-0 last Monday night with a lopsided 93-55 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in Brantley. Derek Caldwell scored 28 points and Adrian Person added 17 for the Bulldogs, while Tracy Hall poured in 27 to lead Kinston.

Zion Chapel outscores Straughn 57-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels got their second win of the young season against four losses last Tuesday night as they outscored the Straughn Tigers 57-47, at Zion Chapel. Chris Hodges scored 19 points and Shane Bragg added 17 for the Rebels, while Adam Turner scored 21 for Straughn.

Brantley battles past McKenzie 72-54

The Brantley Bulldogs made it nine straight wins last Tuesday night by defeating the McKenzie Tigers 72-54, in McKenzie. Andrei Daniels scored 18 points to lead Brantley, while Adrian Person added 17, Jimmy Burnett 16 and Derek Caldwell scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Willie Womack scored 18 points for McKenzie.

Zion Chapel girls fall to Straughn 66-19

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels got a 16-point performance from Kim Moran, but it wasn't near enough in Straughn handed the Lady Rebels a 66-19 setback, last Tuesday night at Zion Chapel. Cindy Griffin scored 15 for Straughn.

Zion Chapel falls in SCAC opener 63-51

The Zion Chapel Rebels made an early exit from the South Central Alabama Conference Tournament as they fell Thursday night in the opening round to the Houston Academy Raiders 63-51, at Skipperville. Joey Herbert scored 16 points and Napoleon Smith added 15 to spark the Rebels, while Rogerio Schmidt led Houston Academy with 14 points.

Zion Chapel girls fall in SCAC opener 62-21

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were ousted in the opening round of the South Central Alabama Conference Tournament last Thursday afternoon when they fell to Samson 62-21. Kim Moran scored 14 points for the Lady Rebels, while Janie Creech scored 19 for Samson.

Brantley runs wild over Red Level 103-47

The Brantley Bulldogs improved their record to 10-0 Friday night with a 103-47 romp over the Red Level Tigers, in Brantley. Jimmy Burnett scored 20 points and Derek Caldwell added 17 for the Bulldogs, while Chris Wright scored 13 for the Tigers.

New Brockton coasts past Straughn 59-32

The New Brockton Gamecocks had no trouble at all in upping their record to 7-4 as they whipped the Straughn Tigers 59-32, in New Brockton. Joe Thames scored 12 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Chris Flowers added 11 and Mark Brown scored 10. Scotty Hicks led Straughn with 10 points.

Sports

Elba clobbers cross-county rivals

Elba blasts New Brockton 71-45

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and then pulled away in the second half as they buried the New Brockton Gamecocks 71-45, last Tuesday night in Elba. The win upped Elba's record to 3-5, while New Brockton slipped to 6-4 with the loss.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 6-0 lead over the Gamecocks and appeared to be in complete command, only to see the Gamecocks rally behind the play of Chris Green and catch the Tigers at 12-12.

New Brockton moved ahead 17-14 early in the second stanza, but this time it was Elba's turn to rally and the Tigers used the shooting of David Velverton and the inside play of Will Magwood to regain the lead at 23-20 by the end of the half.

Elba opened the third quarter with a 7-2 sprint to grab a 30-22 lead with 4:51 left in the stanza, then used a sticky defense to take charge, and pull out to a big 48-30 advantage. The Tigers kept up the pressure in the final stanza and easily held on for the impressive 71-45 win.

David Velverton scored 30 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Elba, while Will Magwood added 10 points. Chris Flowers scored 19 points and Mitchell Truitt added 11.

ELB 11 25 23 - 71
NB 12 8 10 15 - 45

Elba (71): Coleman 4, Vaughan 6, Velverton 30, Daniels 7, Smedley 3, Howe 8, Magwood 10, Rowe 4, B.R. (45) - Green 9, Flowers 19, M. Truitt 11, Brown 2, J. Truitt 4.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team improved its record to 2-1 with a 51-42 win over New Brockton.

The Tigers pulled out to a 12-8 lead in the opening stanza, stretched their lead to 35-29 by the end of the third quarter and held on for the win. Tim Williams scored 14 points to lead Elba, while D'undray Peterson added 11. Edwards scored 17 for New Brockton.

Elba (51): Orton 9, Daniels 8, Tillis 2, Williams 14, Reed 3, Barnes 4, Peterson 11.

N.B. (42): Barr 4, Foster 6, Paul 2, Edwards 17, Moguel 12.

Elba Junior High Tigers open 1994 with a bang, post two straight wins

The Elba Junior High Tigers celebrated the new year in grand fashion last week as they claimed two wins to improve their record for the season to 3-6.

The Tigers opened the week with a 47-34 win over Geneva, then gained revenge with an exciting 70-68 win over Dauphin, of Enterprise.

Following are highlights of both big wins.

ELBA 47

GENEVA 34

The Junior Tigers pulled out to a 12-3 lead in the opening stanza and held on to rip Geneva 47-34, last Monday night in Geneva.

Elba's lead grew to 20-7 by the end of the opening half and the Tigers cruised in with the win.

Derrick Daniels scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Michael Reed added 13.

Elba (47): Daniels 14, Peterson 8, Reed 13, Johnson 9, Tillis 3.

Geneva (34): Lett 4, Tice 6, Threats 14, Windham 4, Tidwell 4, Jackson 2.

(8th Grade)

The Elba 8th graders saw their record slip to 4-4 with a 27-23 loss to Geneva.

The Tigers led 7-4 after one quarter and owned a slim 12-11 advantage at the half, but saw Geneva rally to take the win.

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date customer list and route schedule for the enforcement officer.

Turning to other matters, County Attorney Fuller advised the commission to deny the \$5 million claim filed against the county by Carol McCrady.

Mrs. McCrady is the mother of Eileen Meredith McCrady who was killed during a hostage situation in an Enterprise shopping center on September 21, 1993.

In advising the commissioners to disallow the claim, Fuller stated, "The county had no jurisdiction and no liability in that case; therefore, I recommend that the claim be denied."

The commission voted unanimously to deny the McCrady claim.

County Engineer Mark Pool reported that the county's work on the Kinston Recreation Park Project was nearing completion.

He estimated that the work should be finished by the end of January. To date, the county has spent \$3,112.24 for labor and fuel on this project. Commissioners had approved the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for the project.

Commissioner Sid Averett made a motion to accept the proposal made in the Dec. 28th meeting to the commission by Kenneth Ball, administrator of the County Health Department.

The proposal was to construct a 4600 square foot addition to the present health facility.

Also included in Averett's motion was to allow the County Health Department to use, temporarily, the mobile home belonging to the county.

Funding will be provided for the construction through bonds. The State of Alabama will make lease payments to the county which will in turn be used to pay off the bonds.

Averett's motion was approved by the commission.

Other construction approved by the commission was a 400 square foot addition to the District Attorney's office in Enterprise.

The only cost to the county on this project will be labor.

No action was taken on the Enterprise Courthouse. The commission is

awaiting an updated inspection report from the State Fire Marshal's office.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

***Pool asked that the Landfill Commission to review the hours of operation of the county landfill.

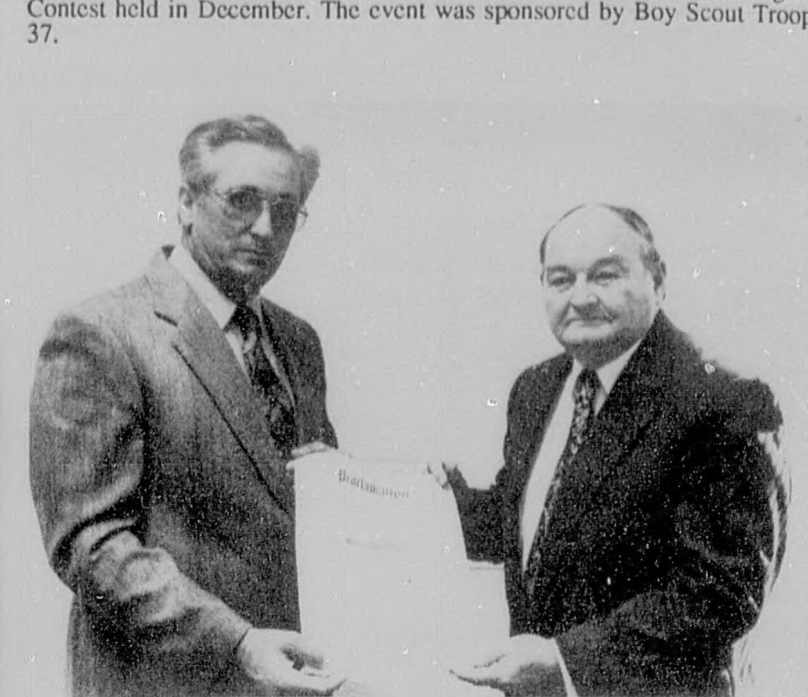
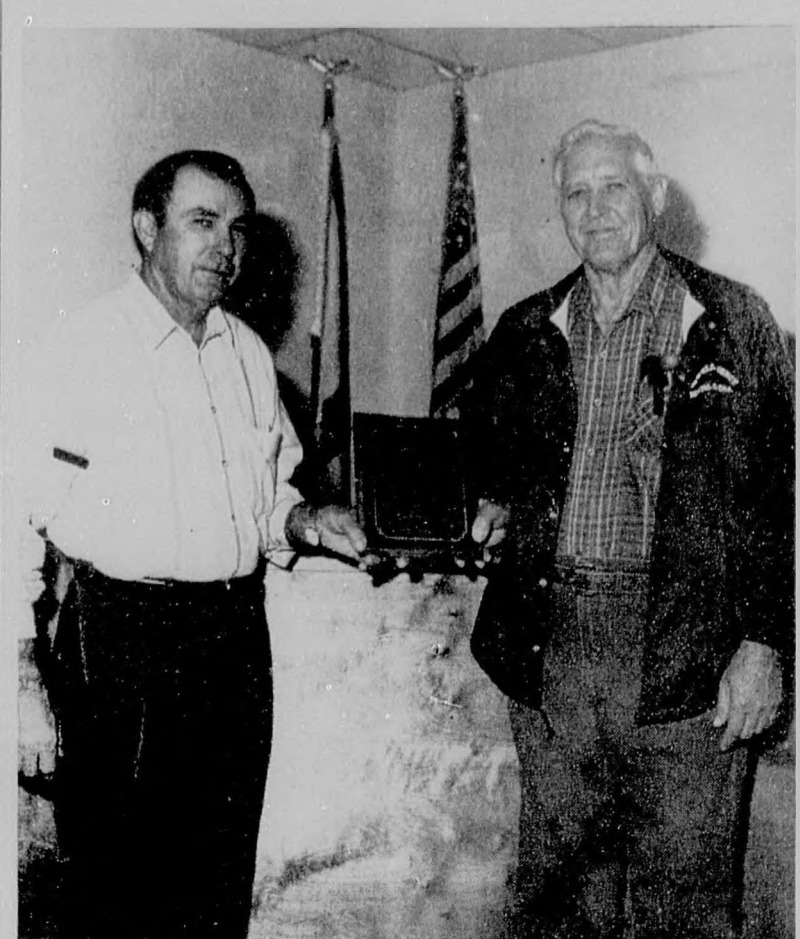
***Clarified that sick leave for county employees can be used in case of sickness by immediate family members as defined in the county's employee handbook.

***Molley informed commission members that the county's present debt limit (borrowing power) stood at approximately \$352,000.

***The commission voted to ask the Alabama Attorney General for an opinion on how the profits derived from the county's landfill can be used.



WINNERS PRESENTED WITH GAS GRILL...Picture above are Rob-in Davis and her son, Ashton, accepting a gas grill from Jeff Puckett (left), superintendent of the Elba Electrical Department and Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood. Robin & Mark Davis were the winners of the Christmas Lights Contest held in December. The event was sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 37.



COMMISSIONER HONORED...Coffee County Commissioner Robert Stephens was honored by his peers during a recent commission meeting. He was presented with a resolution recognizing his dedicated service to the commission and Coffee County. Stephens served as commission chairman from 1992-93.

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Rufus R. Wilson (left) is presented a plaque of appreciation by John D. Dalrymple, Chairperson of the Coffee County ASC Committee. This plaque is in recognition of Mr. Wilson's continued service to the Coffee County farming community for the last 40 plus years as a community committee man in his local administrative area. His tireless participation is greatly appreciated.

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Highlands - Country Style Queen Size Sleeper Sofa (was 449.95).....	NOW \$195.00
La-Z-Boy - Contemporary Rocker Recliner (was 399.95).....	248.00
England/Corsair - Reclining Sofa & Reclining Loveseat (was 1699.95).....	845.00
Astro - 2 Position Brown Vinyl Recliner (was 299.95).....	168.00
Autrey - Southwestern Style Sofa & Loveseat (was 1299.95).....	695.00
La-Z-Boy - Queen Anne Reclining Wing Chair (was 599.95).....	345.00
National - Country Style Pillow Arm Sofa, Loveseat & Chair (was 1099.95).....	648.00

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Tice - "SolidWood" 5 ft Bench Dinette with 2 Side Chairs (was 499.95).....	258.00
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Imperial-Butcher Block finish Table & 4 Hunter Green Chairs (was 399.95).....	227.00
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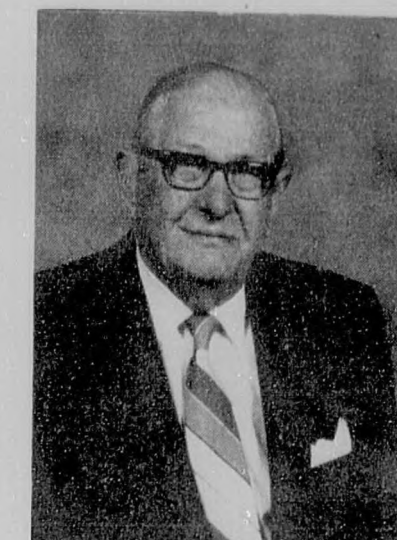
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Elba's Evergreen Cemetery receives \$100,000 donation

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The City of Elba owned, Evergreen



A. L. ELLIS

green Perpetual Care Cemetery received a shot in the arm recently with the official notification that A. L. Ellis, of Tarpun Springs, FL, was donating \$100,000 to the trust fund.

This donation from Mr. Ellis will almost double the principal amount of the trust fund.

Committee members explained they get some donations throughout the year and a number of people have indicated they have named the fund to receive money from their estate upon their death.

The idea of a perpetual care cemetery was the brainchild of the late Mrs. Gladys Dorsey. She began the fund with a \$5,000 donation. Mrs. Dorsey died in 1971. The fund did not receive IRS tax exempt status until March 31, 1972. From that small beginning, the fund had grown to a balance of over \$100,000 before the donation by Ellis.

With the increase, the perpetual care fund is inching ever closer to having enough interest income to maintain and improve the cemetery

in the manner the public would like to see it maintained. Optional expense items on the wish list for the committee are opening additional land for burial plots and the possibility of constructing a fence around both existing sections of the existing cemetery.

The money will be given to the fund in increments of \$20,000 over a five year period.

Mr. Ellis, a retired bank executive, is a native of Elba and has several family members buried in the local cemetery. He informed the cemetery committee of his action through copies of an Ellis Foundation resolution and a letter to committee member and personal friend Jake Bonneau.

The committee accepted the money with gratitude. Their only regret was that Mr. Ellis was traveling and couldn't be in Elba to personally accept their thanks.

The interest from the trust fund is the only money received by the committee and is used to pay for mowing and other upkeep of the cemetery.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS are shown above as they officially accept a \$100,000 donation to the Perpetual Care Fund. The donation by Elba native A. L. Ellis will be paid over a five year period. Shown above are from left, seated: Caretaker Troy Gidson, Jake Bonneau, Chairman John W. Sharpless and D. M. English. Standing are Toisye Rhodes, Charlotte Clark, Doris Pinkard, Della Whitman, Lorene Sawyer and Ruth Mack.

Elba City Council discusses payroll tax

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council held a

third meeting of the week on Thursday of last week. The city fathers spent the time discussing a need for additional funds and again made an offer to settle the Ricky Mulaz firing lawsuit.

Mayor Ricky Haywood opened this latest meeting by asking the city's bookkeeper, Murry Hardwick, to explain to council members the financial condition of the city.

Hardwick gave council members a three month budget comparison, using the proposed budget the council was considering in early October.

The comparison included the 14 sales tax increase proposed by Haywood. However, this tax wasn't imposed and Haywood expressed concern for ability to carry out the duties required of the city.

Hardwick said the three month comparison looked good, but this was helped largely by the extra infusion from the Water and Electric Board.

Council member Earl McCollough voiced a proposal for imposing a 12 city payroll tax. He noted this would get some people who work in Elba, used the streets, etc. and then take all their pay checks to other towns.

Haywood appointed a committee to study the proposal and report back to the council. McCollough, Bill Brunson and John W. Sharpless were appointed to the committee.

Juveniles arrested in burglaries

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

As reported in last week's edition of The Elba Clipper, the home of Mrs. Vera Hudson was burglarized on Sunday evening, January 9th.

The Hudson residence is located on North Clayton Ave. in Elba. Taken from the home were numerous items. The value of those items exceeded \$1,000.00.

On Thursday of last week, Elba Police, acting on information supplied to them, recovered all the property taken in the burglary.

Upon further investigation into the incident, two local juveniles were taken into custody and charged. The two were charged with burglary and theft of property.

Both juveniles were turned over to Coffee County juvenile authorities by Elba police officers.

In another incident, five juveniles from Elba were taken into custody by police and charged with eight counts of unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle. An additional

charge of burglary, one count, was placed against the youths.

Both the burglary and the breaking and entering, charges constitute a felony under Alabama law.

The arrests were made as a result of an investigation by the Elba police into the breaking into of several homes belonging to the Elba City School system.

Also broken into, at about the same time, was the residence of Clarence Taylor.

Both incidents were reported to the police on October 19, 1993.

Police are asking the courts to certify some of the juveniles to stand trial as an adult in the matter.

These juveniles were also turned over to the county's juvenile officers.

Elba's BOE meeting brief

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board held a short meeting Thursday evening.

Board members heard Superintendent Charles Pearce report that the school's finances were in better condition than expected, due to an increase in sales tax and the previously reported increase in the minimum program from the state department.

In other business the board approved the permanent expulsion of a former female student. Pearce told board members she caused a fight in the school, hit a staff member and had to be restrained by police members of the administration. She was turned over to the Elba police and hasn't been back to the school, according to the superintendent. He said the family has been notified of the proposed action and hasn't indicated any desire to challenge the action.

The meeting ended with a discussion on the proposed Alabama education reform packages now being considered by the state legislature.

Conviction of drug-related crimes could cause suspension of driver's license

As of January 1, 1994, conviction for certain drug-related crimes carries a six-month driver's license suspension in addition to any other penalties provided by the law.

Act 93-352 of the 1993 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature provides for suspension of driver's license of any person, including juveniles, convicted or adjudicated based on the following offenses:

"Criminal solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime; attempt to commit a controlled substance crime; criminal conspiracy to commit a controlled substance crime; unlawful distribution of controlled substances; unlawful possession or receipt of controlled substances; unlawful possession

of marijuana in the first degree; unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree; sale or furnishing of controlled substances by persons over age 18 to persons under age 18; trafficking in specified substances; and driving under the influence of a controlled substance and alcohol."

The Alabama Department of Public Safety will issue a suspension notice after notification of the conviction is received from the courts.

Following the suspension period, applicants for reinstatement must pay a \$25 fee in addition to the regular \$50 or \$100 reinstatement fee now required.

Brunson chairs insurance board

Coffee County Probate Judge Marion B. Brunson has been elected chairman of an insurance board of

trustees that provides coverage for county governments throughout Alabama.

The insurance program, the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama Self-Defense Liability Insurance Program, is governed by a board of trustees composed of county officials from throughout the state.

This board gives participating counties a voice in the operation of the program, including its coverage, exclusions and other matters.

As chairman, Judge Brunson will preside over the board's meetings and serve as chairman of the organization.

Judge Brunson has been a very active member of the board and his leadership will help insure the program's growth," said Buddy Sharpless, executive director of the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama.

Currently the program provides liability insurance coverage for some 30 counties throughout the state. In southeast Alabama, participating counties include Butler, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston.

Sheriff Paul will not seek re-election

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul announced Monday that he will not be a candidate for re-election this year. He read from a prepared statement at the 2 p.m. press conference in the sheriff's office and then freely fielded question from the press.

He said that after four terms (15 years) in the job he felt it was time to move on to something else. He explained that he wanted to spend more time with his family and also felt that at age 43, he was marketable for other positions that would give him this additional time with his family.

Paul was first appointed to the office in 1979 following the March 1st killing of then Sheriff Neil Grant-ham. At the time he was working in the District Attorney's office.

Financially he said he was qualified for a National Guard pension at age 60, was vested in the Sheriff's retirement fund. Paul said he was now ready to do something else which would be equally rewarding to him both personally and financially.

He was asked what was the one moment (or experience) that stood out most to him from his 15 years service.

The sheriff, who stepped into a void caused by the killing of his predecessor, said he felt it was his duty to see that the county was protected and that he was proud to have served the county for 15 years.



SHERIFF PAUL

He told several stories to illustrate the pressure on his wife, including the late night phone calls she received when he wasn't home and she was caring for a sick child, riding with him and getting diverted from normal activities to murder scenes, etc.

Paul said he would not be endorsing anyone as his replacement. "That is for the voters of Coffee County to decide," he said with conviction.

The sheriff did add that he felt it should be someone with three things including: a strong character and moral factor - someone who can be honest and stay clean; experienced, managing a budget exceeding a million dollars; the person elected must be willing to work to put in the time necessary to learn the managerial skills to get the job done. In addition to enforcing the law, deputies serve 18,000 to 20,000 civil papers throughout the county each year.

"Law enforcement has gotten more violent in the last five years, and who knows where it is going in the next five," Paul said. He added that for most of his career he never owned a bullet proof vest, nor a machine gun. Now he has them both.

When asked about his family's reaction to his decision, he said they had mixed emotions. He added that it takes a unique woman to live with someone who is in the sheriff's office and Linda is a wonderful woman.

At least five county citizens have expressed intentions to qualify for the position. Official announcements have started and will continue within the next several weeks. Official qualifying begins in early March.

** HAPPENINGS **

CHAMBER BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on Friday, January 28, 1994. Tickets may be obtained from the Chamber office or from any Chamber member. The tickets are \$15.00 each. Dr. Jerry Patterson from more information, call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, at the Farm Center complex in New Brockton.

ANNUAL SALES The Kinston High School Yearbook Staff announces that the 1994 KINSTONIAN will be on sale February 4, 7, and 8. The cost will be \$20. For more information, contact Amelia Rhoades at KHS at (205) 565-3111.

PROJECT SHARE The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is participating in administering Project SHARE, an emergency assistance program for the handicapped, disabled and the elderly. A Red Cross caseworker will be at the Elba City Hall each Wednesday to help with applications for assistance. For more info about appointments or the program, call the Chapter's office at 347-2461.